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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventors: Michel FALCATI Art Unit: 3662
Application No.: 10/801,578 Examiner: M. Barker
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For: SWITCHING METHOD AND DEVICE ON AN AIRCRAFT
RADIOFREQUENCY LANDING SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement of November 10, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the Species of Embodiment I, claims 2-8, with traverse. Claims 1, 12 and 13 are deemed to be generic.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Election Requirement. No unduly extensive or burdensome search would be required to examine the various claims of the noted Species in the same application. MPEP §803 states:

"If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." (Emphasis added)

In the present case, the search for all pending claims together would not be burdensome.

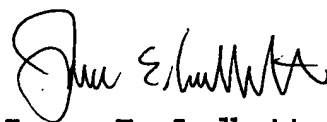
Moreover, from the standpoint of costs to the Applicants involved in filing, issuance and maintenance fees relating to separate applications if the present Election Requirement is maintained, it is clear that there is substantially more burden on Applicants by imposing the present Requirement than on the Patent Office if the Requirement were withdrawn.

In addition, it is noted that to require the claims of the various Species to issue in separate patents would result in inconvenience to the public by necessitating reference to more than one patent during searching, to review closely related subject matter.

Therefore, withdrawal of the Election Requirement is warranted.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election Requirement are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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